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I'm deeply disappointed in the settlement of the government's case against Microsoft. Microsoft's practices have rendered competition ineffective when trying to compete with such a dominant company.

Microsoft continually strikes "agreements" wherein they prevent companies from even using a competitor's product. Including products that are "just good enough" often prevents a better product from gaining support. Time and time again Microsoft has "updated" their own software only to render a competitor's product useless.

Internet Explorer is a prime example. The web was created with universal standards in mind. Microsoft has continually hijacked these standards and changed them so that they only work with their own software.

Often, when unable to compete on a product level Microsoft simply buys a competitor and then includes the product in the next release of Windows for free.

I feel that in the future the government is going to have to address this issue again at more expense to the taxpayer. How dominant must Microsoft be before the government realizes what is going on?

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If your goal is not determined by your most secret pathos, even victory
will only make you painfully aware of your own weakness.

--Dag Hammarskjold
